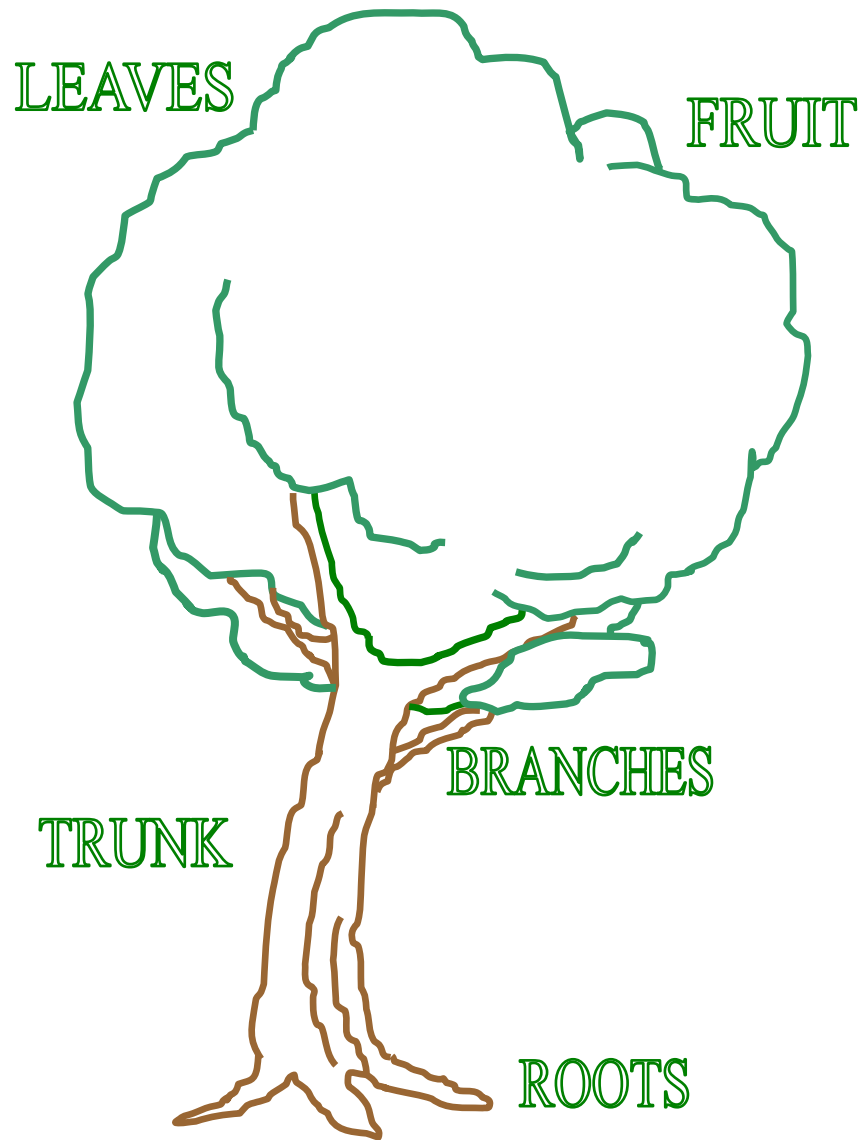


# THE TREE



**BRANCH** - supports smaller branches, which bear the leaves, flowers and fruits.

**LEAVES** - site of food production from materials in the environment.

**TRUNK** - supports all the parts of the tree including main branches.

During lifetime trunk increases in length and forms new branches and also increases in thickness.

Trunk must be strong enough to bear the weight of the new branches and be able to continue to supply materials to increasing number of leaves; also transports food made by the leaves to other parts of the tree.

**ROOTS-** the anchor; smaller roots absorb water and minerals